

# City of Boston IN CITY COUNCIL

BOSTON CITY COUNCILLORS CHARLES C. YANCEY & CHUCK TURNER

## John Rosenthal

- WHEREAS: John Rosenthal is co-founder of Stop Handgun Violence, a non-profit, tax-exempt organization founded in 1995 by Rosenthal and a group of businesspeople concerned about the increasing number of gun deaths and injuries in America; And
- WHEREAS: Stop Handgun Violence promotes state and federal legislation requiring responsibility and accountability on the part of gun owners, dealers and manufacturers; And
- WHEREAS: Consumers are allowed to purchase firearms from private gun dealers without an ID or background check at approximately 5,000 gun shows each year in 32 states; And
- WHEREAS: Studies show that a gun in the home is 22 times more likely to be used in an unintentional shooting, a criminal assault or homicide, or an attempted or completed suicide than to be used to injure or kill in self-defense; And
- WHEREAS: Guns in the home are the primary source for firearms that teenagers use to kill themselves; And
- WHEREAS: More Americans were killed with guns in the 18-year period between 1979 and 1997 (651,697), than were killed in battle in all wars since 1775 (650,858); And
- WHEREAS: President Barack Obama favors closing the gun show loophole, renewing the expired Assault Weapons Ban, and repealing the Tiahrt Amendment, which restricts cities and police departments from gaining access to gun trace data; And
- WHEREAS: Eighty-five percent of Americans endorse the mandatory registration of handguns and want a background check and 5-day waiting period before a handgun is purchased; Be It Therefore
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates Stop Handgun Violence for its support in passing the Gun Control Act of 1998 (Chapter 180), which requires licensing, registration, gun safety training, and safe storage on all firearms. The law also bans assault weapons and "junk guns" and requires gun dealers to perform background checks and register every firearm sold; Be It Further
- RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, praises John Rosenthal and Stop Handgun Violence for helping to keep guns out of the hands of children and criminals.



By: [Signature]  
President of the City Council

Attest: [Signature]  
Clerk of the City of Boston

Offered by: [Signature]

Date: August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009